



Nationwide Drug Drop-Off Program available at local Sheriff's Stations



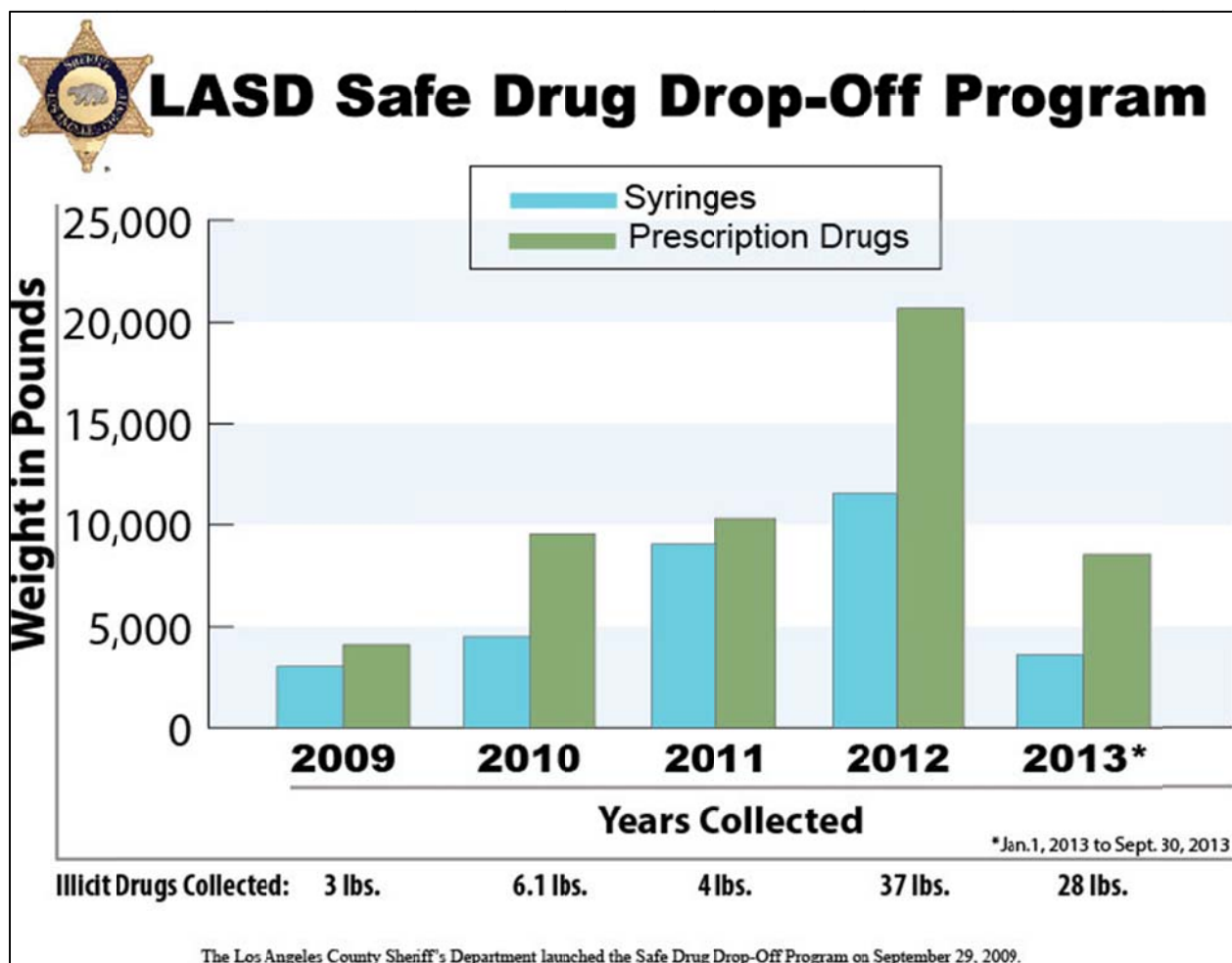
Safe Drug Drop-Off Program available at local LASD Sheriff's Stations:

The public is urged to 'Safely Drop-Off' your unused prescription drugs 24-hours a day, seven days a week, at Safe-Drug Drop-Off Boxes at any of these sheriff's stations of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Click on the link for the address and phone number if needed:

1. Altadena Station: <http://www.Altadena.lasd.org>
2. Carson Station: <http://www.Carson.lasd.org>
3. Century Station: <http://www.Century.lasd.org>
4. Compton Station: <http://www.Compton.lasd.org>
5. Crescenta Valley Station: <http://www.CrescentaValley.lasd.org>
6. East Los Angeles Station: <http://www.EastLA.lasd.org>
7. Industry Station: <http://www.Industry.lasd.org>
8. Lakewood Station: <http://www.Lakewood.lasd.org>
9. Lancaster Station: <http://www.Lancaster.lasd.org>
10. Lomita Station: <http://www.Lomita.lasd.org>
11. Malibu / Lost Hills Station: <http://www.LostHills.lasd.org>
12. Marina Del Rey Station: <http://www.MarinaDelRey.lasd.org>
13. Norwalk Station: <http://www.Norwalk.lasd.org>
14. Palmdale Station: <http://www.Palmdale.lasd.org>
15. Pico Rivera Station: <http://www.PicoRivera.lasd.org>
16. San Dimas Station: <http://www.SanDimas.lasd.org>
17. Santa Clarita Valley Station: <http://www.SantaClarita.lasd.org>
18. South Los Angeles <http://www.SouthLA.lasd.org>



19. Temple Station: <http://www.Temple.lasd.org>
20. Walnut / Diamond Bar Station: <http://www.Walnut.lasd.org>
21. West Hollywood Station: <http://www.WestHollywood.lasd.org>



Since the LASD started the Safe Drug Drop-off program four years ago (2009), the public has shown a strong willingness to help protect the environment and reduce the possibility of unused prescription drugs falling into the wrong hands.

This successful program continues to provide a unique opportunity for residents to safely and anonymously drop-off expired or unused prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, syringes (sharps), and any other controlled substances.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department participates in this program 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure that residents have a safe way to dispose of these items. The practice of flushing medicines down the drain can have an adverse impact on aquatic wildlife. Wastewater treatment plants are not able to test or treat for pharmaceuticals. Therefore, the drugs end up in our rivers, streams, lakes, groundwater systems and oceans.

Saving unused or expired medications can lead to improper and illegal use if they fall into the wrong hands.

2009 News Release: <http://nixle.com/alert/3536026/>

In September of 2009, Sheriff Lee Baca was joined at Lomita Sheriff's Station by members of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, along with various city officials from the South Bay to promote the new "Safe Drug Drop-off" program.

4 years later, this successful program continues to provide a unique opportunity for residents to safely and anonymously drop-off expired or unused prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, syringes (sharps), and any other controlled substances.

Saving unused or expired medications can lead to improper and illegal use if they fall into the wrong hands. Children and others may access these medications from medicine cabinets and either use them inappropriately, sell them or give to others for illegal and unintended uses. A safer solution for the environment is to bring your old medications to the designated drug drop-off boxes available at twenty of our sheriff's stations listed above.

Jan.1, 2013 to September 30, 2013*

8,470.22 pounds of prescription medications
3,381.60 pounds of used syringes
28.00 pounds of Illicit Drugs

During this past year (2012), the following has been collected by the LASD and disposed of in a safe manner:

20,679.34 pounds of prescription medications (10 tons)
11,528.46 pounds of used (512,662) syringes (5-3/4 tons)
37.91 pounds of Illicit Drugs

This is a sharp increase from the drugs collected in 2010 and 2011.

2011

10,295 pounds of prescription medication
9,025 pounds of syringes
4 pounds of illicit drugs

2010

9,546 pounds of prescription medications (nearly 5 tons)
4,520 pounds of used (512,662) syringes (2-1/4 tons)
6.1 pounds of Illicit Drugs

2009

4,113 pounds of prescription medications

3,002 pounds of syringes

3 pounds of illicit drugs

53,103 pounds of prescription medications, 31,456 pounds of used syringes, and 78 pounds of Illicit Drugs have been collected during the first four years (Sept.2009-Sept.2013) of the Safe Drug Drop-Off program of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Prescription Drugs: Abuse and Addiction

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/sites/default/files/rprescription.pdf>